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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF U.S. EQUIPMENT WITH FNLA

1. STORY IN WASHINGTON POST BY DAVID MARTIN, DATELINED
LUANDA JULY 26, STATES: "...ON THURSDAY NIGHT THE
NATIONAL FRONT (FNLA), BACKED BY A COLUMN OF AMERICAN-MADE
ARMORED VEHICLES BROUGHT IN FROM ZAIRE, COUNTER-ATTACKED
(AT CAXITO)."

2. IN ORDER PREPARE PRESS GUIDANCE, REQUEST YOU CHECK
ALLEGATION FNLA USING US-MADE ARMORED VEHICLES WITH MARTIN,
HIGH COMMISSIONER AND ANY OTHER AUTHORITY YOU CONSIDER

APPROPRIATE WHO MAY BE IN POSITION TO KNOW FACTS OF MATTER.
IN OUR CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE, WE PLAN STATE THAT WE
HAVE ASKED YOU TO CHECK INTO REPORT. IF PRESSED, WE
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PLAN ADD- "IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE LONG MAINTAINED AN EMBARGO

ON ARMS TO ALL SIDES IN ANGOLA, AND THAT EMBARGO IS STILL
IN EFFECT."

3. KINSHASA MAY WISH COMMENT ON WASHINGTON POST REPORT. INGERSOLL

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